



# Southeast RCAP



## Who Are We?

Southeast Rural Community Assistance Project, Inc. (Southeast RCAP) is a nonprofit organization, which provides water and waste technical assistance and training in the seven southeastern states of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Our technical field staff are available to you at no charge to assist you with your water and waste facility problems. **We are not a membership organization and our services are free.**

## Is Anyone Eligible for Assistance?

Most assistance is provided to small rural water and wastewater system owners. Because Southeast RCAP is funded by many different grants with different requirements regarding populations who can be served it is important to check with your state's Southeast RCAP Technical Assistance Provider (South Carolina: Bob Britts, Val Green, Rick Hiers at 803-714-6464) to determine eligibility.

## What Programs Are You Currently Operating?

The following are programs in which you may be eligible for assistance:

**Technitrain** – The Technitrain program is a technical assistance program funded by USDA. The program provides community specific training and technical assistance to small rural communities with a population less than 10,000 to meet their water and wastewater needs. The range of technical assistance is broad and includes activities relating to finance such as applying for loans and grants for infrastructure improvements and facility development, business practices such as record keeping, billing and accounting, assistance with capital improvement plans, and assistance in the physical operation of water and wastewater systems such as training of system operators, leak detection, smoke testing, maintaining wells and pumps, training of operators, and identifying system technical problems, and finally management issues such as rate studies, board training and more.

**Safe Drinking Water Program** – The Safe Drinking Water program is funded by the US EPA Office of Water. This technical assistance program focuses on small water system compliance and meeting new regulations under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Priority is given to projects served, in terms of total population, by small rural water systems (3,300 or less) or very small rural water systems (500 or less).

**Small Community Wastewater Project** – The Small Community Wastewater Project is funded by the US EPA. The main aspects of this program include assisting communities in

addressing regulatory concerns, small systems with operational problems, communities violating their discharge permits or communities needing to upgrade their wastewater collection treatment in order to meet the Clean Water Act. Emphasis is placed on the maintenance of decentralized sewer or cluster systems.

**Solid Waste Management Program** – The Rural Solid Waste Management Program is supported through a contract with the USDA. Technical assistance is provided to communities through solid waste workshops.

**Health and Human Services Program** – This program is funded by the Office of Community Services under the Health and Human Services Department. Southeast RCAP provides specific technical assistance in rural leadership development, develops private public partnerships, monitors state and federal programs and funding commitments to address the water and wastewater needs of low-income communities, target environmental justice assistance and training, assist in providing assistance for long term facilities development projects, small water system board member training, disaster aid technical assistance, information dissemination, and assess water/wastewater needs in farm-worker communities.

**Small Water System Board Member Training** – This program is funded by the Office of Community Services under the Health and Human Services Department and the Mississippi State University Technical Assistance Center. Southeast RCAP is providing Small Water System Board Member Training to water systems in the state of North Carolina, **South Carolina**, Georgia and Florida.

### **Does Southeast RCAP Finance Infrastructure Projects?**

Southeast RCAP has a Loan Fund Program in which you can apply for funding for infrastructure projects. Please contact Beth Pusha at 540-345-1184.

**Who Do I Contact For Technical Assistance and Training? Bob Britts, P. E.  
Robert Britts, 618A Prescott Road, Columbia SC 29203, 803-714-6464**



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